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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

- 1. Claims 1-516, 17-24, 26, 27, 28, 34-38 are in condition for allowance.
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The subject matter of the independent claim(s) could either not be found or was not suggested in the prior art of record. The subject matter not found was a Foley catheter for urine drainage from a patient's bladder, wherein the catheter includes a selfcontained liquid reservoir bulb made of an elastomeric polymer at its proximal end connected by a lumen within the catheter shaft to an anchor balloon at the distal end of the catheter, wherein liquid from the reservoir bulb flows from the reservoir to the balloon to anchor the catheter in the bladder. Thus, when a person squeezes the bulb fluid will flow from the bulb to the balloon, thus deflating the reservoir and inflating the balloon. The catheter also has a control device situated within the lumen that controls the flow of liquid from the reservoir to the anchor balloon. The control device comprises a plug having a coaxial stem attached to an annular part having a diameter at least twice that of the stem. The stem seals the lumen defined by the annular part. The stem and the annular part meet at a weakened parting line, wherein the plug can be fractured by manipulation from outside the lumen of the exterior of the catheter shaft. The separation of the plug along the parting line opens up fluid communication through the plug along the catheter lumen from the reservoir to the anchor balloon. The parting line in the plug facilitates the separation of the stem. These limitations in combination with

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the other elements or steps of the claim as well as the arguments given by the applicant are the reasons for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

- 1. Applicant's arguments and amendments with respect to claim 1 have been considered and put the case in condition for allowance.
- 2. The applicant must cancel the withdrawn claims to allow the pending claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew F DeSanto whose telephone number is 1-703-305-3292. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on 1-703-308-3552. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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